GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:285
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Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that number of patients suffering from fatal diseases particularly among the poor people is on the rise across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is aware that Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) is providing timely medical treatment to the poor patients and if so, the reaction of the Government thereon;

(d) whether the Government proposes to infuse more funds for the above programme and also seek assistance from corporate sector for the purpose and if so, the details thereof along with the funds mobilised by RAN; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to provide assistance to the poor patients?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b) The major causes of death in India across all ages , during 2010-2013, were Cardiovascular diseases, Respiratory diseases, Cancer and Diarrhoeal diseases. The share of Cardiovascular diseases, Respiratory diseases and Digestive diseases in the top ten major cause groups have shown an increase between 2004-06 to 2010-13. Estimated mortality of cancer cases have also shown an increase.
Non-communicable diseases like cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, etc are on the rise due to many factors like urbanization, change in life style, tobacco use, obesity, inappropriate diet, physical inactivity, alcohol consumption, high blood pressure, air pollution, etc.
(c) The Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN) was set up to provide financial assistance to patients, living below poverty line and who are suffering from select major life threatening diseases, to receive medical treatment at any of the Government super speciality Hospitals/Institutes or other Government hospitals. The financial assistance to such patients is released in the form of 'one-time grant', which is released to the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital in which the treatment has been/is being received. The RAN is operationalized through four windows, detailed below:
â€¢ Revolving Funds have been set up in 13 Central Government Hospitals/Institutions located all over India.
â€¢ Financial assistance is provided from RAN Headquarters for individual cases referred by Government hospitals/institutions, which do not have a Revolving Fund and for those cases referred by 13 Government hospitals/institutions with Revolving Funds for assistance exceeding Rs. 2 lakh.
â€¢ State Illness Assistance Fund set up in all States/UTs (with Legislature) except Meghalaya and Nagaland.
â€¢ Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF) within RAN, which has been established as a separate Corpus Fund.
(d) Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund − Corporate Social Responsibility (HMCPF-CSR) account has been created additionally to engage with organizations/institutions desirous of contributing financial assistance towards health care under their CSR initiative. An amount of Rs.7.5 crore has been mobilised from Corporate Sector during 2015-16 and 2016-17 so far.
(e) Other steps taken by the Government to provide accessible and affordable health care , inter-alia, include Initiatives under the NHM for providing free of cost health care in the public health facilities through a national-wide network of Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and Sub Centres in both rural and urban areas. Various programmes such as AYUSH Mission, Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakaram, Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakaram, National Deworming Day, Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation programme, Menstrual Hygiene Programme, Mission Indradhanush, Free drugs and Diagnostic Initiative, Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram (JSSK), free medicines under various health programmes like Anti-Malaria and Anti-TB programmes seek to strengthen various health programmes.

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